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DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASH., D.C.

The Honorable George P. Shultz  
Secretary of State  
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2201 C Street N.W.  
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**Dear Mr. Secretary:**

There has been considerable discussion in the press recently about what is United States policy today on the conditions under which we would terminate U.S. assistance to the guerrilla organizations fighting the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan.

I would like to know what is U.S. policy on this issue, whether the United States has made any commitment to withdraw its financial support of the guerrillas when Soviet withdrawals of troops from Afghanistan commence, to whom any commitment might have been made, on what basis it was made and what you believe are the Soviet, Pakistani and UN understandings of the U.S. position on this matter.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to an early reply.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman  
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